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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Communication dated July 17, 2002 and further to the Amendment dated May 9, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are submitted:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification (with changes shown in the attachment) to read as follows:

The paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15:

C, -- As shown in Figs. 16-19B, a fourth embodiment of the surface configuration of the present invention is generally referred to by the numeral 420. Surface configuration 420 includes surface projections 422 configured to facilitate insertion of implant 100 in the direction of insertion into an implantation site while resisting expulsion of implant 100 in a direction opposite to the direction of insertion. Each of surface projections 422 has